



GOVERNOR'S DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hurricane dangers include storm surge, high winds, tornadoes and heavy rains

August, September and October are the most dangerous months for hurricanes in Texas.

Hurricanes are rated Categories One through Five, based on speed of the winds. A Category Four hurricane will cause about 100 times the damage of a Category One storm.

The weakest Category One hurricane can damage buildings, knock down power lines, flood roads and uproot trees. A number of hurricane victims are killed each year by falling tree branches AFTER the storm has passed.

Storm surge is one of the most destructive forces on earth. Storm surge is a dome of water that can be 50 to 100 miles wide – and 30 feet high or more.

A hurricane can knock out electric power for days or weeks, making life extremely uncomfortable for residents who stay behind or return too soon.



For more information, contact Mary Lenz at (512) 424-2138
or visit GDEM's Web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem.